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Note verbale dated 25 April 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland addressed to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva and other international organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honour to provide herewith the comments of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus in relation to the note verbale dated 21 March 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Office of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/25/G/21) on the report of the Office on the question of human rights in Cyprus (A/HRC/25/21), submitted to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth session.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus once again regrets that Turkey procured the circulation to the Human Rights Council of a letter from its subordinate local administration, the self-styled "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus", which Turkey wrongfully purports to recognize as a State. That entity has been declared unlawful by the Security Council in its resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984) and in repeated reiterations of those resolutions. In resolution 541 (1983), the Security Council considered the so-called "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus" legally invalid, and called upon all States not to recognize any Cypriot State other than the Republic of Cyprus. In resolution 550 (1984), the Council condemned the declaration of a separate State in the occupied part of the Republic of Cyprus and called upon all States not to facilitate or in any way assist the aforementioned secessionist entity. As a result, no country other than Turkey has recognized the illegal regime in the occupied areas of Cyprus. Accordingly, the Republic of Cyprus will not concern itself with the inaccurate substance of that non-State's letter, nor is it willing to engage in a propaganda war that Turkey's subordinate local administration is seeking to provoke.

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The Government of the Republic of Cyprus wishes to reiterate that the report of the Office of the High Commissioner on the question of human rights in Cyprus is being taken into careful consideration by the competent authorities of the Republic.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus kindly requests the Office of the of the High Commissioner to circulate the present note verbale as a document of the twenty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council